GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:357
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
PARITY IN PRICES OF NATURAL GAS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring natural gas prices on parity with imported prices of natural gas;

(b) if so, the present difference between price of natural gas and imported gas;

(c) the quantum of gas being imported by the Government every year;

(d) the impact of such an increase in price of natural gas on our economy; and

(e) the reasons for increasing the price of natural gas in comparison to international prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.357 T
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(a) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(b) & (c) At present there is no import of natural gas into India.

(d) In case the gas price is increased, it would be an incentive to producers of gas and give momentum to the exploration activities.

(e) The main reason for any increase would be to make it market driven.